

## **Town of Arlington**

### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 7/8/15, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Scott Smith, Laura Wiener.

**Members and Associates Present:** Cary Conrad, Seth Federspiel, Melissa Laube, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Jeanette Rebecchi, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

**Missing Members and Associates:** Wayne Chouinard, John Hurd, Jeff Maxtutis, Corey Rateau, Victor Rivas,

**Members of the Public Present:** None

1. Administration. Minutes of 6/10/15 meeting were approved unanimously. Handouts were reviewed.
2. Town Reports.
  - a. Laura: A pre-construction conference for the CLAMP project is planned for 7/20. Construction might start approximately a month later. Scott asked that ABAC be informed of overall construction phasing and any communications plan, information that should be forwarded to the other Minuteman Bikeway communities.
3. Lowell Street at Reservoir. Jeanette reported on a site visit to two traffic calming sites, including the raised intersection at Glen Road and Blanchard Street in Cambridge, noting that traffic noise was not a significant issue. WG is considering addition of an entry treatment (possibly a raised crosswalk or hump) at the Arlington Lexington line. The next step is a site visit with the Town Engineer, followed by a design, a TAC vote, then to the Board of Selectmen.
4. Bike Design Guide Matrix. Wayne brought this to the Selectmen on 6/29, with support from Scott. The Selectmen voted unanimously to endorse it.
5. Complete Streets. Laura reported that she, Seth, Scott, Mike Rademacher, Corey, and David Fields met on 7/1 to begin discussing an Arlington policy. We are waiting on MassDOT training, currently planned for September. Major issues: what streets should a policy apply to; distinguishing between minor and major projects. Scott noted that the MassDOT Design Guide may be a good starting point.
6. Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops. Melissa reported that the Route 80, with only a few stops in Arlington, has been completed. Other assignments include: Melissa Routes 78, 350; Victor Routes 62, 84; Cary Route 67; Howard Route 87.
7. Highland/High Haith. Marjorie and Melissa observed activity between approximately 7 and 8 am, shortly before school finished for the year. It was quiet, with 36 total crossings. May need another look in the fall.
8. Bus Planning, Green Line Extension: deferred until next month
9. School Routes: Marjorie received three routes for three schools. There are a number of streets with sidewalks only on one side. Next logical step is to meet with DPW (Wayne) to see how to move forward. Cary volunteered to do Bishop. Howard has Hardy School, and John has Peirce School.
10. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Seth repeated the presentation he had given to the Parking Implementation and Governance Committee. There are 2 major providers, with prices ranging from \$4—\$7000 plus installation for 2 charging stations. Cambridge owns 12, and has another 12 that are privately owned. Cary noted that Chevy dealer Rob Mirak, who sells electric Volts, has 2 charging stations and suggested he might consider sponsoring a public station.
11. Parking Implementation and Governance Committee. Discussions have included moving taxi stands from the Center, adding Zipcars to the Russell Common lot, and will soon take up single space, on-street parking meters.
12. Lake Street. Simulation conducted during the weeks of June 8 and 15. June 8 week baseline data was collected for existing conditions and included travel times on Lake St., intersection turning movement counts at the intersection of Brooks Ave. and Lake St., bike and pedestrian counts on the Bikeway, and 24-hour vehicle counts on Brooks Avenue and Lake Street. Data for the week of June 15 was collected with police officer control, simulating the operation of a signal at the Bikeway coordinated with the Brooks Ave. signal. Preliminarily it appeared to improve travel time from an average of 16.5 minutes to 12.5 minutes. Nine runs between Route 2 and Mass. Ave. were taken in the 2-hour evening peak period the 1<sup>st</sup> week and 13 runs were taken in 2<sup>nd</sup> week. WG is still doing analysis and looking at throughput.

13. Town Day. Howard reminded everyone that Town Day is September 12. Staffing and materials for TAC booth will be discussed at August meeting.
14. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for July: Agenda 07/08/15; Minutes of 6/10/15; Individual Action List 07/08/15; Project List dated 07/08/15,
- Electric Vehicle Charging Overview for Arlington Parking Committee, dated June 23, 2015
- "Suicides raise questions on gun licenses" dated March 12, 2007
- "Pedestrian killed in Arlington crosswalk..." dated January 8, 2014
- Memo to Board of Selectmen from TAC, re. Clyde Terrace Sidewalk Request, dated March 12, 2015.